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(NOTE: A general let-down for the end of the season - and a good time to concentrate on lining up Christmas plans, for which the Special Supplement herewith on Sporting and Garden books offers many helpful ideas for customers whose interest lies along those lines. And with Children's Book Week so near, don't forget the Juvenile Supplement in the October First Bulletin was planned to save you time.)

PROBLEMATICAL BOOKS - *Fiction*

November 6

Brown, Beth — RIVERSIDE DRIVE — Dutton

The followers of this author's books will not be disappointed in this current story of three generations of women who, for various reasons, are all bound to Riverside Drive; Florrie loved the land, Carol loved the house on it and Julie loved the river. New York from the saloon days on the Hudson River to the present times is presented in not too clear outline, and against this the love stories of the women are played out. Definitely a rental library item. $2.50

November 9

Farnol, Jeffrey — A PAGEANT OF VICTORY — Little, Brown

Historical novel covering the broad period from the Revolution to the present day in the story of the Falconbridge family. Anthony I defies his English loving family, joins the rebels, fights British and Indians and starts the legends - Anthony III is shaken out of his sternness by the injustice he has done his son, rights the wrong and is called out of retirement and placid old age to fight for the Falconbridge rights, wins the love and admiration of his two grandchildren and dies with his faith in America unshaken.... An inspirational note throughout, as the title implies. Not top-hole Farnol by any means, but clean and wholesome as usual. $2.50

November 11

Boyle, Kay; Vail, Laurence and Conarain, Nina - Editors — 365 DAYS — Harcourt, Brace

* 365 one-page short-short stories, one for each day of the year, based on headlines taken from all parts of the world, which are given in calendar form in the beginning of the book. A sketchbook - a cross-sectioning - a skillful depicting of the many worlds of 1934. More than a clever stunt, it presents a very human document in showing the effects of an event on one person or groups of persons. The shortness of the stories and lack of continuity requires a nimble-minded reader and the imposed brevity causes some of the stories to miss fire. More than one hundred authors have collaborated - from America, England and the Continent and it should prove an interesting book to try out on your short story readers and those who like something novel. $3.00

November 30

Waugh, Alec JILL SOMERSET Farrar & Rinehart

In the story of Jill and the Somerset family from 1913 to the present day is presented a serious study of English life through the changing years: Jill too well disciplined to assert herself when the War broke down the barriers but finding her loyalty and patience later stands her in good stead; her sister, Beryl, taking advantage of all the freedom the war years brought; her brother turning from a standardized schoolboy into a follower of Mosley; her other sister, Cynthia, living only for the gospel of Marxism; her mother finding happiness in a life devoid of family responsibilities. Slow paced but not unreadable - a novel for women who like a detailed discussion of current problems and how they came about. $2.50

Widdemer, Margaret THIS ISN'T THE END Farrar & Rinehart

A neatly tailored romance wherein a wife discovers she hasn't been as happily married as she thought, and is almost unable to marry the man she really loves through loyalty to her ex-husband. New York and radio background. Definite rental library appeal. $2.00

December 1

Neumann, Robert THE QUEEN'S DOCTOR Knopf
(Translated by Edwin and Willa Muir)

An historical episode re-created in full: the amazing rise of Frederick Struensee, who became attached to the party of King Christian VII of Denmark when it was visiting England, returned as the King's doctor, became Queen Matilda's lover, and finally almost had absolute power in the country. The King's scheming stepmother and his insanity played into the hands of Struensee's opponents and the doctor's little moment of glory was ended by the execution block...As a story it outfictions fiction and Neumann has given a vivid psychological interpretation to historical characters of the 18th century. $2.50

December 3

Calmer, Edgar WHEN NIGHT DESCENDS Farrar & Rinehart

A hot summer night in the West Side of New York City; a family on relief; short sketches and glimpses of many who are out of work - are woven into a many threaded depression story. The dying mother and the few consolations vouchsafed her, the son and daughter who want something else besides poverty and lack of food, the father who is licked beyond power of saving - these are the central threads: the workless ones whose lives touch theirs make many, tragic, transient appearances. The kaleidoscopic treatment gives it a good tempo - it is for the Gellhorn market primarily. A "Discoverers' Book". $2.50

December 4

Wodehouse, P. G. LAUGHING GAS Doubleday, Doran

Not the best Wodehouse has ever done, but that doesn't stop this from having its amusing moments. Reggie, recently become an Earl, lands in Hollywood, falls in love and, in a dentist's office, while under gas, exchanges souls with a child-star,

a lad famed for badness...and, with this Thorne-Smith peg, they each do one another no little harm. There are several good chuckles and some good Wodehouse characters and incidents. Ran in *This Week* quite a while back. $2.00

RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR INCLUSION IN AN EARLIER ISSUE

Lofts, Norah — HERE WAS A MAN — Knopf

A fictionized biography of Sir Walter Raleigh, his voyages, his discoveries, his loves, his queen. Intensely dramatic and an excellent delineation of Raleigh, torn between two worlds, Shakespeare's and Elizabeth's, between idealism, chivalry and ruthless worldliness. Her popular *I Met A Gypsy* has made her name known and this will not disappoint those who liked the first book. $2.50

Stuart, Francis — THE WHITE HARE — Macmillan

Magic and poetry - and an eerie fascination in this story of a relationship of three young people, of the strange love of a girl and a twelve year old boy, an inexplicable communion symbolized by the white hare. Here it is, romantic mysticism rather than religious, but the naturalness and charm of the previous books are not lacking. $2.50

PROBLEMATICAL BOOKS - *Non Fiction*

Announcing for Early November

Porter, Cole — RED, HOT AND BLUE — Random House

The complete score of the new Cole Porter musical comedy just opened. The latest popular song writer's new hits as sung by Ethel Merman and Jimmy Durante - in a signed, limited edition of 250 copies. For the girls and boys about town. $10.00

November ??

Hawks, Frank — ONCE TO EVERY PILOT — Stackpole

A collection of true stories by famed pilots of moments near death - when seemingly insurmountable danger made them wish they were on the ground again. Episodes by Rickenbacker, Mattern, Post, Williams and others, told tersely in the lingo of the pilot. For man - or boy - interested in the thrills and hazards of aviation. $1.50

Brown, John Mason — THE ART OF PLAYGOING — Norton

An attempt, in general terms, to increase the multiple enjoyment that theatre-going offers, through a discussion of the many means by which theatrical illusion is achieved. Playwright, actor, designer, director, books - their contributions to the playgoer's pleasure. Drama discussion groups primarily. $2.50

La Rochefoucauld — MAXIMS — Stackpole
Translated by Louis Kronenberger

A new translation of the 17th century moralist, wit and philosopher which is ably handled, preserving the simplicity, verve and brevity of these classic epigrams. A charming and instructive foreword by the translator will add to this latest edition of a constant stock item. $1.75

November 2

Nicoll, Allardyce THE ENGLISH THEATRE Nelson

A brief yet comprehensive history of the English stage, dealing particularly with the development of the more technical aspects of the theatre - stage mechanics, lighting, scenery, etc. Very thorough documentation and the stamp of the scholar - but written with such facility and clarity it is interesting reading. For drama classes, library reference shelves and for anyone interested in theatre back-stage workings and their progress. $2.00

November 5

Copeland, Lewis - editor HIGH SCHOOL SELF TAUGHT Halcyon House (Blue Ribbon Books)

Twenty subjects covered including history, three languages, literature, arts, science, mathematics, etc., supplementary reading suggested, maps, examinations, a manual of how to study - a self help book of wide scope. $1.89

November 9

Brown, Henry Collins FROM ALLEY POND TO ROCKEFELLER CENTER Dutton

From the time of the consolidation of the five boroughs into New York City - once again Mr. Brown brings out many interesting sidelights on his favorite of all cities. Long Island, Staten Island, Brooklyn, the Bronx - their bygone splendours are lovingly described and stories of famous inhabitants related with delight....The inclusion of some strictly personal opinions seems a little out of keeping with Mr. Brown's position of historian - but there are many unusual and entertaining local facts to make up for it. With illustrations of the period. $3.50

November 11

Millard, Shirley I SAW THEM DIE Harcourt, Brace

An Armistice Day item pointing the horrible folly of war. The diary, later supplemented, of a young girl of eighteen who had four years of hospital work during the war in the Red Cross - a record of suffering and heroism - of wards and operating rooms - of war-time Paris - of her amours. Descriptions, anecdotes, reflections that are harrowing, moving, humorous, personal. Though not comparable to the many fine and vigorous war books, it adds to the total indictment against war. $1.50

November 15

Announcement

Yeats, William Butler, ed. THE OXFORD BOOK OF MODERN ENGLISH VERSE Oxford

Continues from where *The Oxford Book of English Verse* left off and represents the 1900-1935 period of British, Irish and American poets. Cloth $3.00
India Paper $3.75

November 17

Worden, Helen SOCIETY CIRCUS Covici, Friede

For the followers of "high society" names and news this fact book will prove full of absorbing interest. American society's beginnings and early publicity, how it is run today, the power and duties of the butlers and social secretaries, where the families get their money, the routine of a socialite's life, the charities supported, the expenses, the jewels, cars, horses, etc., etc. Plenty about the many

marriages and enough gossipy items to spice it up. A society reporter gives a good, intimate - if pretty ladylike - picture of a system that she prophesies is nearing its end. $3.00

November 19

Page, Kirby **LIVING COURAGEOULY** Farrar & Rinehart

A direct appeal for a little eye-opening and action on the part of apathtic Americans. To struggle to prevent war, to strive to avert fascism, to endeavor to establish democracy, to seek to create a cooperative commonwealth, to heighten reverence for human personality, to enlist as God's co-worker are a few of the demands made. Quotations, poetry and prayers are given for the various fields in which there is need of active participation by those who "deaf and blind, carelessly squander the precious hours remaining before the crash". The inspirational quality in this should make it a good thing to call to the attention of your ministers. $1.00

Luhan, Mabel Dodge **MOVERS AND SHAKERS** Harcourt, Brace

This supreme egotist continues her intimate revelations which here carry on from *European Experiences* to the situation that led to her interest in the Southwest. Her return from Florence, her growing inability to get along with her husband Edwin Dodge and then, the salon at 23 Fifth Avenue and her active life among those who have since become famous: John Reed, Isadora Duncan, Maurice Sterne, Dr. Jelliffe, Walter Lippmann, Max Eastman, Robert Edmond Jones, Gertrude Stein, etc... Again she Tells All in careful detail and the readers of the previous books will not be disappointed. You know your market for this. Illustrated with photographs. $5.00

November 23

Bynner, Witter **SELECTED POEMS** Knopf

A selection of his poetry which reveals the variety of form and thought of his various collections. From his simpler and lyrical earlier works, *The New World* and *Grenstone Poems*, to his later, and more pretentious works. For the most part, purely subjective poetry but some of his descriptive work and later parodies and mordant satires are included. Edited by Robert Hunt. $2.50

December 1

George, David Lloyd **WAR MEMOIRS OF DAVID LLOYD GEORGE:** *Volume V* Little, Brown
1917 - 1918

The next to the last volume of the set, this opens with the outlook for 1918, gives the peace terms the contestants proposed, Russia's defeat at the hands of Bolshevism, the problem of man power and peace on the home front, Clemenceau, Haig's views on the military position, plan of campaign, the offensive and the March retreat, the American Armies in France. A well known and definite market for this; be sure to remember the new price applies to the previously published volumes. $3.00

THESE BOOKS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR EARLIER BULLETINS

Published

Tarbell, Ida M. **THE NATIONALIZING OF BUSINESS 1878-1898** Macmillan

From the time the Federal Government still owned a third of the country, you are carried through the surge to the West Coast, the struggles between various individuals and sections for their share of the national wealth, the awakening of farmers and laborers to the benefits of organization, industrial and political conflicts. Well told and interesting as a background for today's problems. A comprehensive, critical, and instructive bibliography. Illustrated. $4.00

Steffens, Lincoln LINCOLN STEFFENS SPEAKING Harcourt, Brace

The recent death of Lincoln Steffens, makes this last book he wrote of interest to those who have followed the man and his writings. This is a collection of pieces published since 1927 and is filled with human, lively, humorous and discerning commentary on people, books, news events, etc. Delightful indeed are his accounts of his becoming a father, his plans for raising his son, and the situations into which he was led by his theories and how he got out of them. $2.00

Brahms, Caryl - editor FOOTNOTES TO THE BALLET Holt

Haskell on the dancer, the editor on the choreography, Maine on the score, Lambert on music and action, Benois on the decor and costume, Sokolova on the role and Anthony Asquith on the ballet and the film. With the ballet's season just begun, ballet books should take on a new life. This newcomer to the list offers expert opinions on the various component parts of ballet and as such differs somewhat from its predecessors. Illustrated with photographs. $3.75

Chesterton, G. K. AUTOBIOGRAPHY OG G. K. CHESTERTON Sheed & Ward

Finished just before his death, "the morbid and degrading task of writing the story of my life" offers much enjoyment to the Chesterton devotee ...A delightful picture of him as a child and schoolboy, of his contemporaries in letters and politics, of his travels, of his writings - certainly not the usual autobiography, for he writes about himself with charm, delightful ease, and great humor. Also for Catholic reading lists. Illustrated. $3.00

Reprints

Walton, Izaak THE COMPLETE ANGLER Heritage Press

Omitted from the October 15th Special Supplement on Reprints, we don't want you to overlook this new edition of not only a classic but a well loved favorite. Many drawings by Robert Ball, quite in keeping with the text, and lots of fishes on the cover. $3.50

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